

Ornamental Trees

Mexican Buckeye

Ungnadia speciosa

- **Flowers:** Clusters of pink & magenta
- **Fruit:** Small flattened pod and seeds
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, dark green, thick leathery, heart shaped leaves with wavy margins
- **Soil Type:** Well-drained, adaptable
- **Light Exposure:** Full/partial sun
- **Growth Rate:** Rapid
- **Approx. Height:** 15' to 20'
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- **Fall Color:** Gold or red
- **Hardiness Zone:** 6-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Very high heat tolerance, multi-trunked, very showy tree



Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

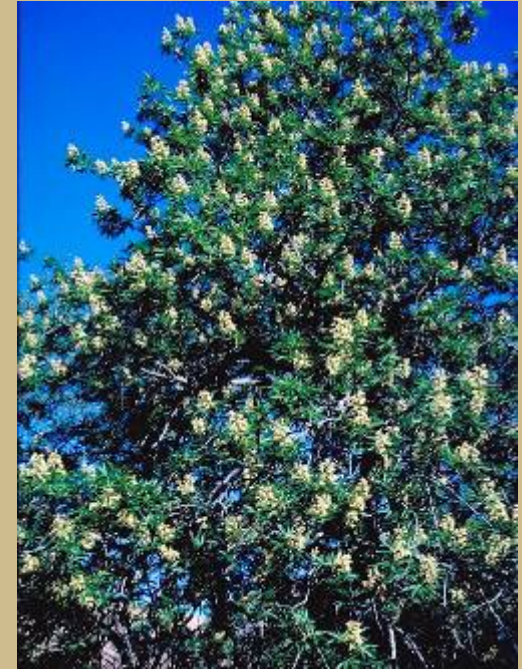
- **Flowers:** Deep red, funnel-shaped clusters bloom March-May
- **Fruit:** Shiny brown seeds
- **Foliage:** Fine-toothed, glossy dark green above and whitish beneath
- **Approx. Height:** 25'
- **Approx. Width:** 12'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Partial to full shade; sandy, moist, well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Unremarkable, green
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-8
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Best used as an under story tree, attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, bushy, can be a large shrub or small tree



Texas Buckeye

Aesculus arguta

- **Flowers:** Creamy white to yellow flowers in early spring
- **Fruit:** Spiny capsules w/ black seeds
- **Foliage:** Narrow, sharply toothed, glossy green
- **Approx. Height:** 40'
- **Approx. Width:** 12'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Yellow and orange
- **Hardiness Zone:** 4-8
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Can get slightly larger than the red buckeye, large shrub or small tree, good for a small space, easy to grow



Carolina Buckthorn

Rhamnus caroliniana

- **Flowers:** White, inconspicuous
- **Fruit:** Berries turn red in late summer then black in fall
- **Foliage:** Bright green, shiny, upper surface is smooth
- **Approx. Height:** 15'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil, adapts to a wide range of sites
- **Fall Color:** Gorgeous orange/yellow or red
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Perfect as an under story tree, attracts birds, gets more dense and shrubby with more sun



Crepe Myrtle

Lagerstroemia indica

- **Flowers:** Lavender, pink, white, or red clusters June-Sept
- **Fruit:** Brown, round
- **Foliage:** Simple, green, smooth
- **Approx. Height:** 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun; moist, well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Yellow, orange, or red
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-9
- **Water:** Medium
- Attractive bark patterns, good way to add months of color to your yard, bushy, fast growing, multi-stemmed



Desert Willow

Chilopsis linearis

- **Flowers:** Late spring to fall, trumpet-shaped, sweetly fragrant. Light pink to light violet.
- **Fruit:** Narrow two-valved pod, small flattened winged seeds
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, thin, light green
- **Soil Type:** Well drained
- **Light Exposure:** Full Sun
- **Growth Rate:** Rapid
- **Approx. Height:** 30'
- **Approx. Width:** 15' to 20'
- **Fall Color:** Yellow
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-11
- **Water:** Low
- Shrub or slender tree with leaning trunks, low watering needs, very high heat tolerance, long blooming period, good for erosion control



Eve's Necklace

Sophora affinis

- **Flowers:** Fragrant, pale to rosy pink, hang in clusters
- **Fruit:** Long black segmented pods
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, dark lustrous green leaves
- **Soil Type:** Well-drained
- **Light Exposure:** Partial sun/shade
- **Growth Rate:** Medium
- **Approx. Height:** 15' to 35'
- **Approx. Width:** 10' to 20'
- **Fall Color:** No fall color change
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-10
- **Water:** Low
- High heat/drought tolerance, rounded upright oval crown, attractive/showy tree



Hawthorne

Crataegus spp.

- **Flowers:** Fragrant white blooms with pink heads in March
- **Fruit:** Bright red berries
- **Foliage:** Simple, toothed margins, ovate, medium to dark green, shiny, vary between species
- **Approx. Height:** 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Red, orange, yellow
- **Hardiness Zone:** 4-8
- **Water:** Medium-High
- Attracts birds and butterflies, thorny nature, quick growth



Possumhaw Holly

Ilex decidua

- **Flowers:** Small white blooms in April
- **Fruit:** Red, showy berries
- **Foliage:** Dark green above, paler below
- **Approx. Height:** 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Slow growth rate, brilliant red color to winter landscape with its berries, berries attract birds and mammals, high drought tolerance, allow plenty of room for this plant



Yaupon Holly

Ilex vomitoria

- **Flowers:** Tiny, white blooms in spring
- **Fruit:** Red holly berries all fall and winter
- **Foliage:** Grey-green, leathery
- Leaves, dense, evergreen,
- **Approx. Height:** 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 20'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun, partial to full shade; prefers moist, well-drained soil but tolerates poor drainage
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Good for courtyards and small spaces, slow growing shrub, attracts birds and butterflies, drought tolerant, can be trimmed into edges



Blue Point Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Blue Point'

- **Flowers:** N/A
- **Fruit:** Blue
- **Foliage:** Blue-green, dense, narrow needles, scale-like, swirling, tufted
- **Approx. Height:** 15'
- **Approx. Width:** 8'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 3-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Easy to grow, provides shelter for birds in winter, teardrop outline, good for windbreaks and screens, very tough plant



Hollywood Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'

- **Flowers:** Inconspicuous
- **Fruit:** Small berry-like cone
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, scale-like, compressed, fragrant, bright green
- **Approx. Height:** 15' -20'
- **Approx. Width:** 10'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-11
- **Water:** Low
- Moderate to slow growth, pyramidal shape, crown opens up as it ages, useful as a screen, quite drought tolerant



Wichita Blue Juniper

Juniperus scopulorum 'Wichita'

- **Flowers:** N/A
- **Fruit:** Round, dark-blue, berry-like cones
- **Foliage:** Gray-green to bright silver blue, graceful, needled,
- **Approx. Height:** 18'
- **Approx. Width:** 8'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 3-7
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Excellent for screening, pyramidal habit and compact, retains color well, moderate growing, aromatic wood



Little Gem Magnolia

Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'

- **Flowers:** Creamy white, fragrant blooms July-Aug
- **Fruit:** Brown, inconspicuous
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, dense dark green leathery leaves, underside often has a cinnamon brown pubescence
- **Approx. Height:** 20' -25'
- **Approx. Width:** 10'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun; moist, well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-9
- **Water:** Medium-High
- A smaller version of the standard magnolia, slow growth rate, provides dense shade, prized for small lawns



Honey Mesquite

Prosopis glandulosa

- **Flowers:** Tiny, yellow-green, fragrant
- **Fruit:** Long yellow brown pods
- **Foliage:** Very bright, green and feathery, has 1" long spines but thornless ones are also available
- **Approx. Height:** 25'-30'
- **Approx. Width:** 25'-30'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 6-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Needs deep watering to become a tree but tolerates droughts thereafter, attracts butterflies and bees



Wax Myrtle

Myrica cerifera

- **Flowers:** Inconspicuous, green
- **Fruit:** Females have small grey-blue berries
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, spicy, light olive-green leaves
- **Approx. Height:** 15'-18'
- **Approx. Width:** 10'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-11
- **Water:** Medium
- A fast growing large shrub that can be trained as a multi-trunked tree, good for parking lots and beneath power lines, should be well watered until established



Texas Persimmon

Diospyros texana

- **Flowers:** Tiny white blooms April-May are highly fragrant
- **Fruit:** Small, black or green
- **Foliage:** Dark, green, leathery leaves are slightly fuzzy underneath
- **Approx. Height:** 20'-40'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'-25'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 7-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Smooth gray, peeling bark is a great feature, attracts birds, tolerates long periods of drought and neglect, should be planted more often in urban landscapes



Mexican Plum

Prunus mexicanus

- **Flowers:** Fragrant, white blooms in March-April
- **Fruit:** Edible plums
- **Foliage:** Yellow-green, shiny leaves with fuzzy undersides
- **Approx. Height:** 25'
- **Approx. Width:** 25'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Orange
- **Hardiness Zone:** 6-8
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Attracts birds and butterflies, small tree, well-suited for residential areas and near power lines, quite drought tolerant once established



Redbud

Cersis texensis

- **Flowers:** Clusters of pink & magenta
- **Fruit:** Small flattened pod and seeds
- **Foliage:** Deciduous, dark green, thick leathery, heart shaped leaves with wavy margins
- **Soil Type:** Well-drained, adaptable
- **Light Exposure:** Full/partial sun
- **Growth Rate:** Rapid
- **Approx. Height:** 15' to 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 15' to 20'
- **Fall Color:** Gold or red
- **Hardiness Zone:** 4-9
- **Water:** Medium
- Very high heat tolerance, multi-trunked, very showy tree



Rose of Sharon (Althea)

Hibiscus syriacus

- **Flowers:** Large white, pink, or purple blooms all summer
- **Fruit:** Brown capsule
- **Foliage:** Medium to dark green, glabrous sometimes shiny on top, margins coarsely toothed
- **Approx. Height:** 15'
- **Approx. Width:** 10'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Yellow-green
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, likes hot weather, annual pruning results in larger flowers, good for borders



Soapberry

Sapindus saponaria var. drummondii

- **Flowers:** Large, cream colored clusters in May and early June
- **Fruit:** Yellow, turns darker with age, contains natural detergent
- **Foliage:** Glabrous, dull yellow green on both surfaces
- **Approx. Height:** 10'-50'
- **Approx. Width:** 10'-50'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; tolerant of poor areas but prefers moist to dry, well-drained soils
- **Fall Color:** Golden yellow
- **Hardiness Zone:** 6-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Useful as a specimen or in groves, can become large in deep soil, tolerant of drought, heat, air pollution and other city conditions



Flame-Leaf Sumac

Rhus lanceolata

- **Flowers:** Yellow-white clusters in summer
- **Fruit:** Red-brown drupes
- **Foliage:** Oval, glossy dark green, fine-textured
- **Approx. Height:** 30'
- **Approx. Width:** 20'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Outstanding orange-red
- **Hardiness Zone:** 3-9
- **Water:** Low
- Very high heat and drought tolerance, grows in the poorest soils, graceful, fast growth habit, thicket forming shrub that can be pruned to form a nice tree, attracts birds and butterflies



Downy Viburnum

Viburnum rufidulum

- **Flowers:** Composed of several dozen little creamy-white flowers that bloom in March and April
- **Fruit:** Shiny blue-black drupes
- **Foliage:** Extremely glistening and shiny, glossy, leathery
- **Approx. Height:** 20' -25'
- **Approx. Width:** 20' -25'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Fall Color:** Rich, reddish purple
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5-9
- **Water:** Low-Medium
- Drought tolerant, leaves glisten in dappled light, very rewarding, graceful plant, good for planting under power lines and other limited space areas



Texas Chastetree

Vitex agnus-castus

- **Flowers:** Fragrant purple or white blooms in May-Oct
- **Fruit:** Inconspicuous, black
- **Foliage:** Gray-green, finely textured, aromatic and is typically grey-green to dark green above and lighter on the undersides
- **Approx. Height:** 20'
- **Approx. Width:** 15'
- **Sun/Drainage Requirement:** Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil
- **Hardiness Zone:** 6-10
- **Water:** Low
- Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, rapid growing shrubby tree, when in bloom looks like a hazy purple cloud, drought resistant

